

RSU

ELECTIONS

2025



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What you need to know



Roehampton Students' Union is a charity, directed and run by elected students. Once per year, students at Roehampton get the opportunity to vote to decide who to elect.

Becoming an elected officer is an excellent way to develop your leadership skills, enhance your career prospects, and make real changes that students want to see. It gives you the ability to shape the direction of RSU, represent over 18,000 students, and make important decisions.

All elected officers are full voting members of RSU Presidents' Committee. You can view more information on responsibilities of Sabbatical Officers and College Presidents on the RSU website.

There are three full-time Sabbatical Officer roles who each get paid £27,632 per year:

- **RSU President**
- **RSU Vice President Education**
- **RSU Vice President Welfare**

Sabbatical Officers exist to ensure the interests of all students are represented to the University, the RSU, and other stakeholders. They run campaigns, activities, and events to address issues affecting students.



There are also eight part-time volunteer roles - College Presidents & Deputy College Presidents - who help steer the direction of the Union and ensure the interests of all students are represented.

The positions

RSU President

The President is the lead representative of the RSU. They sit on various university committees, representing student views at the highest level. They also lead the majority of RSU activities and chair the charity's Trustee Board.

RSU Vice President Education

The VP Education takes the lead on student education at Roehampton. They work to improve your education, and sit on the highest university committees relating to education.

RSU Vice President Welfare

The VP Welfare takes the lead on all student welfare issues at Roehampton. They ensure students are represented in such like accommodation, welfare, and EDIA at the university.

Part Time positions

- Digby Stuart College President
- Froebel College President
- Southlands College President
- Whitelands College President

- Digby Stuart College Deputy President
- Froebel College Deputy President
- Southlands College Deputy President
- Whitelands College Deputy President



What to do next

The election process is always an exciting time with passionate, dedicated, and inspirational candidates putting themselves forward for election.

If you are considering running for a position, the election process is broken down into three main periods, with important deadlines and meetings to consider throughout:

1. **Nominate yourself**
2. **Campaign**
3. **Voting**



NOMINATIONS

Friday 17 Jan - Wednesday 12 Feb

If you want to run in the elections, you've got to do four things during nomination period:

1. Read the rules
2. Write your manifesto (check the RSU Members' Manifesto for guidance)
3. Come up with a campaign slogan and find a photo of yourself to use
4. Submit your nomination via the RSU website

Your nomination and manifesto should be submitted by close of nominations on **Wednesday 12 February (10am)**

Submit everything online at roehamptonstudent.com/elections

Got a question? Email elections@roehampton.ac.uk

CAMPAIGNING

If you've decided to run for a position, there are a few sessions you **must** attend:

- **Candidate briefing**

Here, you will meet the support staff administering the elections, have the opportunity to gain further understanding of the elections process, and how to run an effective campaign

- **Candidate Question Time** (Sabbatical Officer candidates only)

It's important that voters know the real you when they go and vote! Candidate Question Time is one of the many opportunities for you to share your vision with voters

The full list of events, including dates, times & locations can be found through the Elections Hub on the RSU website.

VOTING

Tuesday 25 February - Thursday 27 February

This is a really important time for all candidates. It's your chance to campaign to the student body by promoting your manifesto, objectives, and generally getting your message across to students.

There are guidelines and rules about to go about your campaign.

Voting will take place between **10AM Tuesday 25 February** and **10AM Thursday 27 February**. You can vote online at roehamptonstudent.com/elections

All votes will be counted and verified at the close of voting and the **winners announced from 5PM on Friday 28 February**



RSU ELECTION RULES



**To ensure that the election is free and fair,
there are a few Rules & Guidelines everyone
should adhere to.**

**To read the Election Rules & Guidelines,
please visit us at:**

<https://www.roehamptonstudent.com/student-voice/rsuelections/candidates/electionrules/>

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